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DANA DEATHTRAP CINCINNATI CONSTRUCTION DELAYED

BY LIZZIE GLASER
Managing Editor

After encountering several delays over the summer, the Dana Avenue Widening Project has resumed construction and set a new completion date of June 1, 2012.

The project will expand Dana Avenue, adding turn lanes at all of the major intersections, particularly at Dana Avenue

Their mission has been to be constructive, not destructive, bring special recognition to the quality staff that serve them and help continuous improvement.

Lisa Rowell, senior engineer

and Ledgewood Drive, creating a better traffic flow and easier access to Xavier University. The project also includes the addition of an eight foot wide bike path, the planting of trees on the grassy area between the curb and the bike path, the installa-

tion of new curbs, a new irrigation system and a grassy median in the middle of Dana Avenue.

The project plans to straighten the road near short Herald Avenue, known to students as the "Dana death trap."

"We're going to get rid of that S-curve and straighten things out a bit to make it safer and easier for pedestrians," Lisa Rowell, senior engineer for the Ohio Department of Transportation and Engineering, said.

The project has been delayed by several factors, including inclement weather and delays installing underground utilities. The city

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Greenspace naming continues

BY KEVIN TIGHE
Campus News Editor

For the second step in officially naming three of Xavier's campus locations, seven selected Xavier students sat down with Dave Johnson, the Executive Director for the Dorothy Day Center for Faith & Justice (CFJ), on Monday in order to select which submitted names will be available for online voting.

From Wednesday to Friday of this week, students, faculty and staff will be able to go online to voice which option they believe to be best for officially labeling the historically coined "greenspace", along with the new residential complex and the mezzanine above the new Hoff Dining Commons.

The campaign to name the campus locations was given to Johnson and Executive President

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SGA checks LGBTQ and shuttle off executive platform

BY JAKE HEATH
Editor-in-Chief

Gallagher Student Center remained busy this summer as Student Government Association made several strides with its proposed executive platform, namely in the design of a more cohesive shuttle route and the establishment of a permanent resource advisor for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning (LGBTQ) community.

The executive board, which includes Executive President senior

Ryan Alleman, Legislative Vice President senior Ricardo Martinez and Administrative Vice President senior Lydia Gerlach, presented a platform during their campaign last spring encompassing five major categories of projects to be completed by the end of their term. These included improving student safety, celebrating diversity, improving student access to Xavier's resources, enhancing SGA accountability and availability and expanding club resources.

One of the most covered projects of the summer involved an entire evaluation and remodeling of the LGBTQ permanent position plan proposed by the executive board of 2010-11.

"I talked with the previous executives and redesigned the position. It's substantially different," Gerlach said. "They had created a position that was something similar to emotional support. That position is different for where

Xavier is right now."

Gerlach examined other Jesuit universities similar in size and location to Xavier for how LGBTQ departments were conducted around other parts of the U.S. This led to creating an entirely new position for the LGBTQ community different from the original design from last year.

The new LGBTQ resource advisor will be placed in charge of regularizing Safe Zone Training, a type of exercise held at a national standard that offers an educational environment for the LGBTQ community, while also providing a place for people to come out and witness people coming out. It usually includes a half day to a day-long training.

"Because Safe Zone Training is held at a national level, it doesn't mean that that level is right for Xavier or what would be coming to Xavier," Gerlach said.

Part of the role of the LGBTQ



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(left to right) Senior Lydia Gerlach, senior Ryan Alleman, and senior Ricardo Martinez

resource advisor is to assess the progress and acceptance around Xavier toward the LGBTQ community. After the resource advisor makes this assessment, the correct options for Safe Zone Training can better be discussed by the resource advisor. The LGBTQ resource advisor position will be offered to all students, including graduate students.

Other achievements made by the executive staff involved ex-

panding campus safety. This was done by attempting to better the shuttle route so that it circled within the campus' center, Bellermino Chapel, every 15 minutes and reached out to ill-lit pockets of campus as well as common resident streets.

The shuttle was also rescheduled, becoming a primary means

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CORRECTIONS

In the Aug. 31 issue, Rebecca Bayens' name was misspelled. It was not mentioned that Jake Heath edited the article.

In the Aug. 31 issue, Greg Rust's name was misspelled in the photo caption of senior Jessica Brooks on page 8.



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Sustainability Committee releases green programs

BY MOLLY BOES
News Editor

The Sustainability Committee continues its efforts to make Xavier a greener campus not only in its initiative for a bike rental program but also through other programs scheduled throughout this school year.

Xavier is currently working on hiring a Sustainability Coordinator who will work full-time with the committee to achieve its initiatives.

On Oct. 24, a forum concerning parking will be held that is open to the public.

This forum will act as a way for students and staff to discuss what they want and expect as far as on-campus parking is concerned, the cost of potential changes and how these changes could affect campus Kathleen Smythe, co-chair of the Sustainability Committee, said.

Sustainability Day will be celebrated over two days on Nov. 7 and 8 and will include activities such as local tours displaying the importance of sustainability and guest speaker Bob Besso, the recycling program and waste reduction manager of Recology in San Francisco.

Later this year, another dormitory energy competition similar to last year's will be held.

Other University departments



Newswire photo by Molly Boes

Dr. Kathleen Smythe is co-chair of the Sustainability Committee. The committee has announced their programs for this year.

outside of the Sustainability Committee are getting involved with sustainability efforts.

"Each area of the University is setting sustainability goals," Smythe said. "It's very exciting from our standpoint."

Physical Plant is also helping to start new green initiatives, including an Ecovillage survey that will be given out in the next couple of

weeks and a "green guide" that will inform students of the best eco-friendly ways to travel around Cincinnati using a bicycle or the metro system.

Other programs are planned for this year, but Smythe was unable to comment on them at this time.

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Dana

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also increased the scope of the project, replacing a gas main that required additional planning, design and installation.

Likewise, the property owner at Herald Avenue and Dana Avenue attempted to stop the project, leading to a court case in which the city ultimately prevailed.

"In addition to delays due to weather, all of these issues compounded on each other, leading to the ultimate delay of the project," Rowell said.

Despite early setbacks, progress has resumed and a major tie-in for the water lines at Ledgewood Avenue and Dana Avenue was completed in late August.

Installation of concrete curbs and walks will continue into the winter, but due to City of Cincinnati regulations that prohibit the installation of asphalt paving past Nov. 1, the project is slated to be completed by June 1, 2012.

"Our goal is to make Dana Avenue safer and more aesthetically pleasing," Rowell said.

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— BRIEFS —

XLAB winners announced

The ten winners of the XLAB competition were announced on Aug. 30:

- Courtney Tudor of Madeira
- Adam Treister of Norwood
- David Croop of Anderson Township and Don Carter of Erlanger
- Mary Fennell of Independence, Ky
- Doug Moormann of Kenwood
- Djibril Thiaw of Reading
- Brett Elkins of Miami Township and Mike Buob of Union Township
- Candace Klein of Over-the-Rhine
- Brad Rogers of Madeira
- Brendan Cmolik of Lake wood

The winners will receive free consulting services, a meeting with potential investors and other support from Williams College of Business. The winners and 25 finalists will be eligible to attend 15 workshops to help them learn how to create business plans.

Library open house scheduled

From 4-6 p.m. on Monday, the McDonald Library will have an open house on the third floor. There will be free food, tours of the library and before-and-after photographs. At 4:30 p.m. the university archivist, Father Kennealy, will offer a prayer.

Spirit Celebration

At noon on Sunday, there will be a spirit celebration in Cintas Center including a Mass of the Holy Spirit, the grand opening of the dining and residential hall complex and a community lunch.

Remembrance Walk

At 12:45 p.m. on Sunday there will be a Walk of Remembrance of 9/11.

Volunteer fair

From 4-7 p.m. on Wednesday in the Gallagher Student Center Atrium various clubs and agency partners will be present to share student opportunities for community engagement this school year.

Comedian at Cintas

At 8 p.m. on Saturday in the Cintas Center, Katt Williams will be performing. The doors will open at 7 p.m. and tickets are available online.

WEBN Fireworks



The banks of the Ohio River filled Sunday night with hundreds of thousands of people in honor of Labor Day.

Fourth annual art competition at X

BY MARK SANDMAN
Staff Writer

Xavier’s Art Department is now presenting the fourth annual *Art at the X*. *Art at the X* is a national juried competition that takes place at the Art Gallery in the A.B. Cohen Center.

The gallery opened on Aug. 26 and will remain open for viewing until Sept. 23.

It is open to the public Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

“It brings a wide variety of art to Xavier’s campus,” Kitty Uetz,

director for the Xavier University art galleries, said. “Artists from all across the country come to compete.”

The gallery exhibits artists from California, Massachusetts, South Carolina, Texas, Michigan and several other states, along with several artists from Cincinnati.

Each artist must be at least 18 years old and can enter up to three pieces for an entry fee of \$25.

There are no restrictions on the media used, which vary, including digital drawing, wood cut and oil on canvas.

Every year, a juror is chosen to review all the entries.

“The juror is typically someone from the Cincinnati area who is involved in the arts,” Uetz said.

This year the juror chosen was Deborah Emont Scott, CEO of Taft Museum of Art, known to be one of the finest small art museums in America.

Out of all the pieces entered, 47 of them were chosen to be in this year’s gallery.

Of those 47 pieces, Scott gave seven pieces an Award of Excellence. Scott chose these pieces for their innovation.

The gallery is free of charge, and many of the submitted pieces are available for purchase.

Platform

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of transportation during the night time because of its lack of interest during the regular school hours, and becoming a safety beacon and observer for Xavier Police.

"We designed it with two things in mind. The first trying to promote more student ridership. The second to promote student safety too," Alleman said. "The shuttle bus has a walkie-talkie wiring right into Xavier Police. If there's a

problem in, say, R2, they can call it in for Xavier Police to respond."

The new routing system has also been redesigned so that stops are usually around well lit areas or near emergency phones on campus.

Although much work has been completed, there are still several aspects of the executive platform that have made little progress during the summer, making it difficult to see these projects finished before the executives' terms ends.

Many ideas, such as expanding

campus lighting and replacing the emergency phones, remain stagnant due to delegations during the budgeting phase.

Other projects require extensive communication and planning to be completed.

"I'm always going to say that we got less done. There's always more that we could be doing," Alleman said. "But I'm not uncomfortable with the amount of work that we got done this summer."

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Professor Profile: Ebenezer Ayesu



Newsire photo courtesy of Alex Larrison

Dr. Ebenezer Ayesu listens to raggae, gospel and high life music back in his home country of Ghana.

BY DANNY DOUAIRE
Staff Writer

This past week, the *Newsire* had the opportunity to sit down with Ghanaian-born Dr. Ebenezer Ayesu. Ayesu is professor of African History here at Xavier University and will be returning to Ghana at the end of this semester.

Xavier Newsire: What did you do before you came to Xavier?

Ebenezer Ayesu: Let me take you back to Ghana where I was receiving my Bachelors degree at

the University of Ghana. Once I did that, I came to the United States in 2006 and began working to get my doctorate at Indiana University in Bloomington, IN. I came to Xavier last August.

XN: What do you miss most about Ghana?

EA: I miss my family a lot. I also miss the open society in Ghana. It was not as formal as it is here; if I needed someone in that building over there I could open the window and call out to them and they would talk to me.

XN: What type of music do you listen to?

EA: I listen to a lot of reggae and gospel music and, back in Ghana, we listen to a style of music called “high life.”

XN: Besides English, do you speak any other languages?

EA: Yes, I speak Twi or Akan. I also speak Ga, which is the official language of Accra, the capital of Ghana. I took French in high school but I did not fare well in that language. [Laughter]

XN: Have you become accustomed to any new foods since you have lived in America?

EA: I try very hard to stay away from all the fatty foods, but I like to eat Mid-Eastern and Mexican foods. I also am a pretty good cook so I make Ghanaian meals a lot.

XN: What is your favorite part about Xavier?

EA: The welcoming atmosphere of the students and the faculty is what I love most of all. It was not too hard to transition into this place. Also, the students treat you with a lot more respect than at some other places.

Naming

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senior Ryan Alleman, who was present at the selection meeting over the Labor Day holiday.

Johnson and Alleman, through online submission and physical forms, received more than one hundred recommendations for the areas subject to naming.

“People took the invitation seriously,” Johnson said. “So that was great to have all of that creative energy on campus.”

Because Johnson and Alleman believe this process should be one in which students feel ownership, they invited a diverse group of students who met in order to filter the submissions down to a more manageable list of finalists. Johnson was the only staff member present at the preliminary selection process.

“The votes will help us to identify the most popular options and inform Fr. Graham’s decision about what the names should be for those key elements to our growing campus,” Johnson said.

In the online voting process, there are five options for the mezzanine, six options for the greenspace and seven options for the new residential complex.

Results will be given to Fr. Michael Graham, S.J. on Friday, from which he will select the final names. The selections will be announced on Founders’ Day, Sept. 22.

“It’s [the students’] ideas and their creativity that will help to give shape to the history, ultimately, of our campus,” Johnson said.



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Dave Johnson, executive director for the Center for Faith & Justice is the staff member coordinating the student-run effort to “Leave Your Mark” by naming campus locations.

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Swimmers scrub duckies for charity

BY ED MORLEY
Staff Writer

This weekend, Xavier University’s men’s swim team sprinted towards the Ohio River to lend a helping hand to the Rubber Duck Regatta.

Surprisingly, they did not take to the water. Instead, the team stayed dry and cleaned a portion of the 10,000 rubber ducks that took part in the regatta this past weekend on the Ohio River at Newport on-the-Levee.

The swim team made a tradition out of participating in this event, and head coach Brent MacDonald believes that it is = beneficial for his team to get out into the community.

“I’m always proud to see our team donating their time with our community service projects,” MacDonald said. “It’s a fun day for the guys and it’s great that we can help in the community.”

The men’s swim team have helped scrub the ducks after the regatta for a few years now, and often a competitive edge to the cleaning emerges during the process.

“The men have enjoyed doing it and have even turned it into a competition, trying to beat the previous time it took the year before,” MacDonald said.

The Rubber Duck Regatta, which began 17 years ago, is a charity race among 10,000 rubber ducks that takes place every Labor Day weekend.

Prior to the race, the ducks

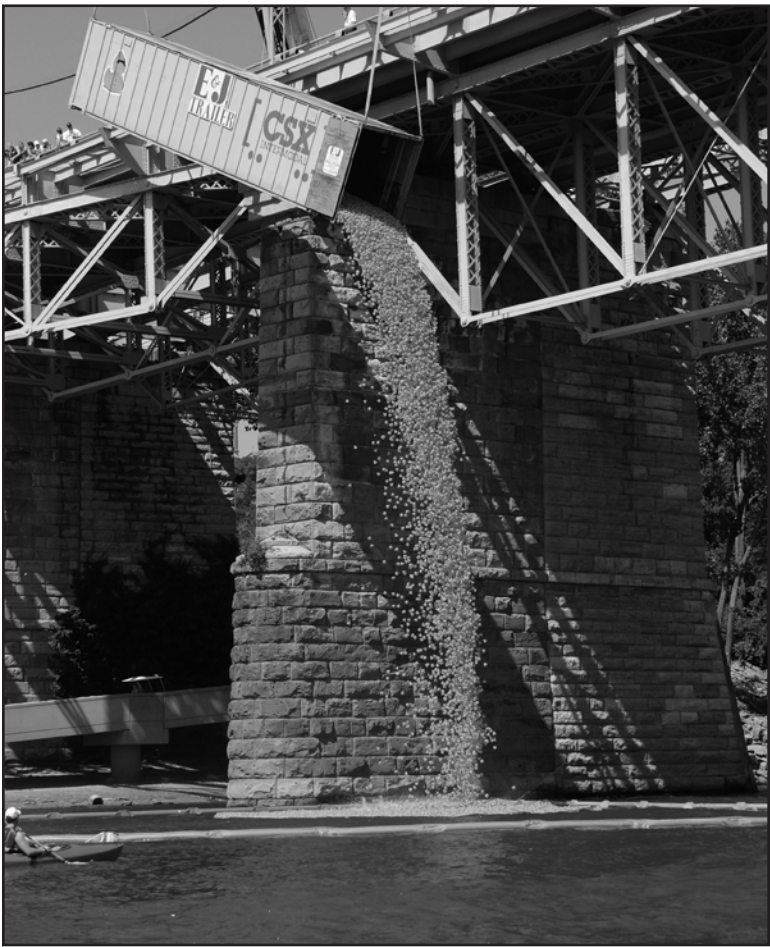


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Roughly 10,000 rubber duckies were poured into the Ohio River for the 17th annual Rubber Duck Regatta for a charity event over Labor Day.

are purchased for \$5. The owners then drop their rubber racers into the river from the Purple People Bridge, leaving them to float down the Ohio River for a quarter of a mile.

Freestore Foodbank set up the race as a charity event to raise funds and provide food for under-privileged families in Greater Cincinnati. The winner of this

year’s race received a 2012 Honda Civic.

There was no such luck for the rubber ducks, who, after being cleaned with the help of our men’s swim team, were boxed away to wait another year for their big day on the Ohio River.

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Alter demolition postponed to the summer of 2013

BY KRIS REILLY
Staff Writer

Plans to demolish Alter Hall have been pushed back until the summer of 2013.

The Office of Physical Plant is preparing to use this academic year to plan the construction of the new building with Academic Vice President and Provost Scott Chadwick heading the project.

Robert Sheeran, associate vice president for facility management at Physical Plant, said, “A study of our existing classroom utilization is being conducted to determine how classes will be offered when Alter is offline. Several scenarios are being looked at but no decisions have been made.”

During the academic year of 2012-13, the designs of the new

building will be finalized, allowing for initial construction to begin in May 2013.

“The construction process will take two years allowing the building to be occupied in the summer of 2015 and ready for classes in August of 2015,” Sheeran said.

Several changes on campus will occur to accommodate this new construction and result in a more contained greenspace area.

“Demolishing Alter and rebuilding a new academic building in the core of campus will require very careful logistics,” Sheeran said.

In fact, the building site will be enclosed with fencing and only accessible from Herald Avenue and Ledgewood Drive.

Due to the necessity of this street access for construction purposes, portions of the street will remain open in front of Hailstones Hall. This area will be the central access point for the construction site vehicles and equipment to reduce commotion on the Academic Mall.

When the new building project is completed, the remaining street access on Herald Avenue and Ledgewood Drive will be converted to malls, further enclosing the campus.



Newswire photo courtesy Alex Larrison

Alter Hall classrooms, like the one above, will be razed as the construction process begins in May of 2013.

POLICE NOTES

Sept. 1 5:18 p.m. – Xavier Police assisted Residence Life with an apartment search in the Village Apartments. Marijuana, drug paraphernalia and cash were confiscated from the room.

Sept. 1 5:49 p.m. – A nonstudent was arrested for shoplifting in the bookstore.

Sept. 2 2:18 a.m. – Two students observed fighting at the corner of Dana Avenue and Montgomery Road were cited for disorderly conduct.

Sept. 2 9:12 a.m. – Xavier Police responded to a report of a gun lying in the parking lot of the South lot. A pellet gun, believed to have been ditched by juveniles the previous night, was recovered.

Sept. 2 11:22 p.m. – Xavier Police and Cincinnati Police responded to a report of a large party in the 900 block of Dana Avenue. Students were advised to move everyone inside.

Sept. 3 12:31 a.m. – Xavier Police investigated a report of a dispute between students in the South lot. The parties were separated for the evening.

Sept. 3 1:09 a.m. – A student carrying an open container on the Residential Mall was cited for underage consumption.

Sept. 3 1:28 a.m. – Xavier Police and Norwood Police investigated a report of a loud party on the 2100 block of Hudson Avenue. Students were advised to keep down the noise.

Sept. 3 2:41 a.m. – Xavier Police investigated a report of two students arguing on the Residential Mall. One student, who ran from officers, was cited with failure to comply with university officials.

Sept. 3 2:58 p.m. – A student reported that an unknown subject attempted to rob the student the

previous night on Montgomery Road near an autobody shop. The student struck the assailant and ran from the scene.

Sept. 3 4:32 p.m. – Xavier Police assisted Norwood Police with two prisoner searches at the CVS drugstore on Montgomery Road.

Sept. 3 10:04 p.m. – A Xavier student reported being threatened by five unknown subjects as he/she walked into Gallagher Student Center.

Sept. 3 10:37 p.m. – A nonstudent who flagged down an officer in front of the Women’s Center on Dana Avenue was arrested for assault and possession of drug paraphernalia by Cincinnati Police.

Sept. 3 10:53 p.m. – A student observed drinking behind the Women’s Center with four nonstudent guests was cited for underage consumption.

Sept. 4 12:38 a.m. – Xavier Police assisted Norwood Police with a traffic stop on Cleneay Avenue in front of the health center. An underage student who was vomiting in the back of the car was transported to campus and released to Residence Life.

Sept. 4 1:28 a.m. – Xavier Police assisted Cincinnati Police with an auto accident at Dana Avenue and Montgomery Road. The driver was arrested for driving under the influence.

Sept. 4 2:18 a.m. – Xavier Police assisted Cincinnati Police with an auto accident on Dana Avenue and short Herald Avenue. The driver, who is a Xavier student, was arrested for driving under the influence.

Sept. 5 9:27 p.m. – Xavier Police assisted Residence Life with a room search in Buenger Hall. A small amount of marijuana was confiscated.

NOTE OF THE WEEK

Sept. 3 12:12 a.m. – Xavier Police, Norwood Police and Norwood Fire and Rescue investigated a report of an intoxicated underage student lying in the grass in the 3800 block of Regent Avenue. The student was checked by medics, advised to sleep it off, transported back to campus and released to Residence Life.

Player Profile: Justin Marshall

By **SABRINA BROWN**
Sports Editor

As Xavier’s men’s soccer season begins its regular season, the *NewsWire* sat down with No. 24 Xavier’s goalkeeper, junior Justin Marshall.

Xavier NewsWire: What’s your favorite thing about playing soccer at Xavier?

Justin Marshall: The team camaraderie. Most places it’s a team,; here it’s a family. It’s not only fun playing with these guys, but it’s like your family away from your family. If you need anything, these guys are really ready to do anything for you.

XN: What’s your favorite TV show?

JM: Probably Jersey Shore. It’s a big one for the team. Everybody always comes in saying, “It’s Jersday guys; it’s Jersday!”

XN: If you had to play a position other than goalkeeper, what would it be?

JM: Honestly, I’d like to be more of a defensive center midfielder. I played that most of my

life, and then one day our goalkeeper got hurt. I was always very technical; I’ve always liked the defensive side of things.

XN: So, what kind of music would we find on your iPod?

JM: Well, I’m originally from the South, so country’s gonna be on mine.

XN: What’s your favorite sport, aside from soccer?

JM: Football. My favorite professional team would have to be the Pittsburgh Steelers because my dad grew up there. I actually have two college teams I cheer for, so Auburn Tigers or the Florida Gators.

XN: How did you decide on Xavier?

JM: I liked the campus being a smaller one. I liked being in a classroom of maybe 20 people. I’m from the South, so I liked how Xavier took pride in how the campus looked. I like being able to walk from one side of campus to the other in ten minutes.

XN: Who would you say is your

biggest inspiration?

JM: My dad is. He passed away two years ago. He’s always pushed me through everything, so I strive to be like him. I also look up to my mom now after his passing, so I’d have to say my parents.

XN: What’s something about you that might surprise people?

JM: I love to cook. If they had a culinary degree here, that’s basically what I would have tried to have done. It was kind of mine and my dad’s thing. My dad loved to cook, so that’s where I got it from. When I think of family, I think of Sunday dinner.

XN: So, who’s your favorite athlete?

JM: That’s a hard one. I’d probably have to say Peyton Manning. Not a big Colts fan, but just the way he is on the field leading his team, and off the field getting involved with the community, he’s someone you can really look up to. I can respect a guy like that.

XN: If you have downtime off the field, what movies do you like to watch?

JM: My favorites would have to be *Step Brothers* or *The Hangover*.



Photo courtesy of Greg Rust

Marshall has only allowed one goal past him in three regular season and two exhibition games.

Player Profile: Keith Albrektson

By **KYLE ISAACS**
Asst. Sports Editor

With the cross country season upon us, the *NewsWire* sat down with senior Keith Albrektson to profile one of Xavier’s top runners. Albrekston will run his first meet of the season this Friday at the Queen City Invitational in Cincinnati.

Xavier NewsWire: What is your mindset going into your senior season?

Keith Albrekston: I’m excited for the upcoming year. I want the team to do as well as possible, but since it’s my last year, I really want to enjoy my final season.

XN: What is one thing you want to accomplish this year as a team and as an individual?

KA: I would love for the team to win Xavier’s first ever Atlantic 10 (cross country) Championship. As for me, I would personally like to finish in the top five in conference this season.

XN: What is one of your favorite memories of Xavier cross country?

KA: My favorite team memory is definitely when we went to Hawaii for a cross country meet

my freshman year. We stayed on the beach in Honolulu for three or four days and got to go snorkeling and climb a volcano. It was awesome.

XN: How do you prepare yourself for a meet?

KA: My preparation isn’t anything too special: I get a good night’s sleep, stay hydrated throughout the day, and just envision the course I will run at the meet. It really helps that I can run the course the day before because it enables me to visualize when and where I will make my moves during the actual race.

XN: What do you like most about running for Xavier?

KA: I love the group of guys and girls that you can get close with during the season. I’ve always liked the team aspect because I am able to enjoy the camaraderie, which I have come to appreciate more now that it is my final year at Xavier.

XN: What is the best race you’ve ever run?

KA: I think my best race was sophomore year at the A-10

Outdoor Championships. I was seeded 20th entering the race but finished in sixth place.

XN: What are some of your hobbies outside of cross country?

KA: I’m a huge sports fan so I enjoy playing FIFA with my roommates or watching Bengals games ...unfortunately.

XN: What is something people might not know about you?

KA: I have a twin sister who goes to the University of Kentucky. Also, once I’m finished with my senior year here at Xavier, I will be applying to medical school. Another thing people may not know about me is that I can make a pretty legit wookie noise.



Photo courtesy of goxavier.com

Albrektson will run his first race of the season this Friday.

2011-2012 Men’s Basketball Schedule

Nov. 5- vs. Bellarmine*	Jan. 14- vs. St. Bonaventure
Nov. 11- vs. Morgan State	Jan. 18- vs. Saint Joseph’s
Nov. 15- vs. IPFW	Jan. 21- @ Dayton
Nov. 18- vs. Miami (Ohio)	Jan. 25- vs. Saint Louis
Nov. 25- vs. Georgia	Jan. 28- @ Charlotte
Nov. 28- @ Vanderbilt	Feb. 1- @ George Washington
Dec. 3- vs. Purdue	Feb. 4- @ Memphis
Dec. 7- @ Butler	Feb. 8- vs. Rhode Island
Dec. 10- vs. Cincinnati	Feb. 11- @ Temple
Dec. 18- vs. Oral Roberts	Feb. 18- vs. Dayton
Dec. 22-25- Hawaiian Airlines Diamond Head Classic	Feb. 21- @ Massachusetts
Dec. 31- vs. Gonzaga	Feb. 25- vs. Richmond
Jan. 4- @ La Salle	Feb. 28- @ Saint Louis
Jan. 7- @ Fordham	March 3- vs. Charlotte
Jan. 11- vs. Duquesne	March 6-11- A-10 Tournament
* denotes exhibition game	

Player Profile: Mariah Whitaker

By KYLE ISAACS
Asst. Sports Editor

After the women’s soccer team notched their second victory of the season, the *NewsWire* talked to sophomore Mariah Whitaker, who scored the lone goal in the 1-0 win over the University of Evansville.

Xavier Newswire: What is one thing you want to accomplish as a team this season?

Mariah Whitaker: We want to make the Atlantic 10 Tournament and become A-10 champions. We are focusing on one game at a time throughout our journey.



goxavier.com
Whitaker scored the lone goal in the victory over Evansville.

X N : What is something you would like to accomplish in your sophomore year?

M W : Going into this year, I would like to become a more vocal person on the field and continue to

make an impact offensively and defensively.

XN: What have you enjoyed most about your time playing for Xavier?

MW: Most of all I’ve enjoyed the tight friendships I’ve made with my teammates.

XN: How do you get prepared for a game?

MW: In preparation for our games, before we go onto the field, the team gets pumped in the hallway jumping and clapping as we yell “Seven Nation Army” by the White Stripes. We also watch a highlight reel of our previous games in order to get fired up.

XN: What is your best memory of your first year playing for the team?

MW: I would say when we beat Butler [last year] 1-0. Our team was united behind our theme of “bring the wood”; we brought the fight to them.

XN: How difficult was it to transition from high school soccer to starting for Xavier?

MW: It was a challenge because high school soccer is so much slower and less physical than the college game.



Whitaker has been a mainstay in the starting lineup since she first arrived on campus last year.

XN: What are some of your hobbies outside of soccer?

MW: A few of my hobbies include reading, going to the movies with friends, going to basketball games and community service.

XN: What is something people might not know about you?

MW: That I know how to snowboard and ski (especially on

black diamond runs) and I love the Rocky Mountains.

XN: What are three words that best describe you?

MW: Creative, laid-back, athletic.

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Coach Mack’s Tweet of the week

Head men’s basketball coach Chris Mack is considered one of the funniest tweeters in college basketball. @NewswireSports picked their favorite for the week.

@CoachChrisMack: School drop off and watched a 4 year old drop to his knees & scream, “I’m not going in there!!” Tough audience today Teach..

Be sure to check out @xaviernewswire and @NewswireSports for all your latest Xavier news!

Men’s soccer earns first national ranking

After starting the season off with two victories, the men’s soccer program has reached new heights. They are ranked No. 24 in the nation according to TopDrawerSoccer.com, which is the first Top 25 ranking ever for the Musketeers. The men began the season ranked 39th in the nation and fourth in the Mid-Atlantic Region.

They moved up one spot in the NSCAA regional poll this week, which marks a program best 11 consecutive weeks of being ranked in the polls. The men return to action next Tuesday versus IPFW at the Xavier Soccer Complex.



Photo courtesy of goxavier.com
Sophomore Nick Hagglund and the men’s team have cracked the Top 25 rankings.

By JOHN WILMHOFF
Staff Writer

When redshirt sophomore Alex Smith suffered a season ending injury in 2010, one of the first things she thought about was the chance to play with her younger sister, Aubree, for an additional season at Xavier.

Alex and Aubree Smith, sisters two years apart and teammates on the Xavier volleyball team, would have played two collegiate seasons together but now can play three years together thanks to the medical redshirt that Alex was able to use for the 2010 season.

Aubree was still a senior at Cor Jesu High School in St. Louis



Photo courtesy of Greg Rust
Aubree Smith leads the team with 179 assists on the season.

when Alex suffered the injury in what would have been her sophomore season.

NCCA medical redshirt rules state that an athlete seeking an extra year of eligibility due to an injury must not have participated in more than 20 percent of the season in which they were injured.

Alex started 12 matches and saw action in 42 sets for Xavier in 2010.

As it turned out, if she had played 43 sets, she would not have been eligible for the medical redshirt and the extra season of eligibility.

“If I had been in [the match] for just one more point, I would not have been able to redshirt,” Alex said.

Aubree was already committed to Xavier, so naturally one of Alex’s thoughts was the chance of playing an extra season with her younger sister.

“I always knew that she was coming to Xavier with me,” Alex said.

Alex committed to play at Xavier as a high school junior in 2007, and Aubree subsequently followed with her commitment to XU as a high school sophomore in 2008.

The sisters shared a room, rode to school together, and had many of the same friends in high

school.

About the only thing that has changed between them is that they now live in separate dorms.

From an early age, Alex and Aubree played with the same volleyball club in St. Louis but on different teams due to their two-year age difference. They did, however, play against each other.

“Aubree’s team usually won,” Alex said.

It wasn’t until the 2006 volleyball season that Alex and Aubree were able to play together on the same team, which was Alex’s junior season and Aubree’s freshman season of high school.

“Because we play different positions, we’re not that competitive with each other. I’m more competitive with other people [than with Aubree],” Alex said.

Aubree says that she’s more competitive than Alex.

“In some situations, I act like the older sister,” Aubree said.

The two sisters have already received honors playing together in the early 2011 season. Alex, a middle blocker, was named to the All-Tournament Team after her strong season-opening weekend in Houston.

Aubree, a setter, was named the Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Week after her performance in Houston as well.

So far this season, Alex has recorded 33 kills and Aubree leads the team with 179 assists, averaging just fewer than 10 assists per set.

After six matches, the Musketeers stand at a 4-2 record and will travel down to Bowling Green, Ky. for the Western Kentucky Invitational this weekend.

The Muskies will open the tournament against host school WKU and will also face LSU and Wake Forest over the weekend.

For a team update on last weekend’s tournament in Maryland, visit our sports page at www.thexunewswire.com.



Photo courtesy of Greg Rust
Alex Smith has 33 kills this season after returning from injury.

A tale of two sisters

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Weekly Poll

Who wants to see Andy’s Mediterranean Grill do better than Ryan’s Pub?

Andy's

Ryan's

Wow, 100% voted in favor of Ryan's Pub!

Question for next week:

Does the 10th anniversary of 9/11 have a big difference or slight difference on Xavier students?

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EDITORIAL

Venting Dana Avenue Frustration

While new, much needed development on Dana Avenue is certainly welcomed, something seems fishy. Dana Avenue construction has clogged a major artery on Xavier’s campus since early January. Not only does this impede transportation to one of Xavier’s most-storied watering holes, Dana Gardens, but it also affects residents of the Village apartments. Despite promises of big fixes and aesthetic improvements, the *NewsWire* has learned that the construction has been unnecessarily delayed because of easily avoidable problems. These problems include: communication errors, the city changing the original scope of the plan and a property owner on Herald Avenue protesting the change.

We refuse to believe that the construction on Dana Avenue has been efficient, timely and so far in the best interest of the Xavier students. There seems to be a marked lack of transparency, accountability and efficiency from multiple parties involved in the construction process. There is plenty of blame to go around, and each side should be more forthcoming with details. To begin, the Ohio Department of Transportation and Engineering has some explaining to do regarding what specific additional delays have happened. Next on the hit list is the city of Cincinnati, who clearly cannot coordinate with the state for whatever reason. Seemingly hiding from all of this is the University. Xavier has been absent in the discussion and should mobilize its influence in order to get serious results on the Dana Avenue construction project.

The final Dana Avenue could surprise all of us. The current street is not well designed for a growing university with an increasing on-campus population nor can efficiently move traffic through an expanding thoroughfare between Avondale and Norwood. While the construction has been very frustrating and verging on unsafe, the engineers have the potential to alleviate a major problem in Xavier traffic by treating what is now a small inconvenience,before it grows into a much more serious problem for an expanded Xavier five to 10 years down the road.

—STAFF TALK—

How do you feel about Dana Avenue construction?



Lizzie Glaser
Managing Editor

“I’m so happy! Do you know how many times I almost got killed by the Dana death trap?”



Jake Heath
Editor-in-Chief

“I hate to do this... but the DANA DEATHTRAP is back.”



Patrick Clark
A&E Editor ('11-'12)

“Meh... I'd be surprised if there wasn't construction around campus.”



Mike Hills
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“There are only two seasons: Winter and construction.”



Molly Boes
News Editor ('11-'12)

“I’ve accepted that it will never not be under construction.”



Rachael Harris
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“What construction?”

How do you do?

The well-known plight of every humanities major revolves around the question, “What are you going to do with that?” If we answered honestly, we would only need one finger. So instead, we often lie.

The question serves as a sort of inside joke for people with more “practical” majors. They revel in the spot it puts us humanities majors in. Unless, that is, if the answer we give them is “I plan to go to law school,” or “I plan to get my Ph.D.” Providing these types of answers seems to earn you a conciliatory nod of approval; they reassure you, ever so subtly, that you are one of the “accepted ones.” I know this because I have offered both of those answers and have choked on the implicit condescension of their responses.

The truth is, I have chosen not to choose my path at this time, and I’d appreciate some patience in that respect. I gave up the idea of a concrete future the moment I started to care about certain things and proceeded to study

them here. Frankly, the fact that anyone seems so sure about his or her own career path worries me.

One problem is that only certain people with certain majors are allowed to ask the question at all. This is because the idea of practicality is the very basis for their field of study. In that sense, it seems ridiculous to flip the question back on them. They don’t even need to specify what they plan to do after college; their major is designed so that someone will hire them. Mine is not.

I not only wish to flip this question back on them, but to reclaim it altogether.

The most important word in the question is perhaps also the most ambiguous one: do. To those who tend to ask it, this word is intimately tied with the idea of an occupation. They mean quite literally, “What will your job be?”

The profoundly more important meaning for the word is far from their minds, because it has nothing to do with what a person’s occupation will be. It refers instead to this tricky thing called “the value of one’s actions.” I know, now

we’re really gettin’ crazy.

People’s occupations are incidental when it comes to whatever

they end up doing in this lifetime. One can only hope that the two can be successfully combined. Of course, people can do a great deal through their occupation, whatever that may be. For example, people in positions of power are capable of effecting change to degrees that other people are not. That difference is one of magnitude and reach,

though, not quality or value. Even still, the question remains: does that change have any value? My brief point here is that the relationship between where someone works and the meaningfulness of

what he/she does is incidental, and should be judged by different criteria. The point is not that hav-

ing a good job and doing meaningful things are mutually exclusive. We might say this: doing provides life with meaning; working allows the means to that far greater end.

Doing meaningful things in the world requires a degree of indi-

vidual refinement, which itself requires a highly critical perspective. In the absence of

that perspective, an occupation can become a very dangerous thing. An accountant that doesn’t discriminate between ethical and unethical employers could potentially make a good living as the bookkeeper for Enron.



PHIL CHEVALIER
Columnist

THIS I BELIEVE

September 11th affected each and every American. We at the *NewsWire* would like to print as many student opinions as possible on 9/11 next week to commemorate the 10th anniversary of our nation’s tragedy. In addition to staff writers and the editor, we are looking for any student essays. The theme of the essay should be “This I believe...” Essays should be around 300 words and will be published on the 9/14 edition of the newswire. Essays can be emailed to the *NewsWire* at newswire-oped@xavier.edu

Move Over Ryan

Xavier University has for the second year in a row undergone a radical transformation. The closest comparison I can make to Xavier’s new cafeteria is a Disneyland resort restaurant. I have also heard the new dorms referred to as the “Taj Ma’sophmorechal”. However, some of us who have been able to stop gawking at the amazing new facilities and wander back into our old stomping grounds have noticed another change. At first glance Gallagher Student Center appears to be the same as it always has been. Maybe the stairwell has a new paint job, but everything seems to be in its rightful place.

The Front Desk is as helpful as ever and the bookstore is bustling.

However, there is a big change on the bottom floor. Fresh Fusions is certainly not Fresh Fusions any more; Ryan’s is not the same as it once was either. Say “hello” to Andy’s Mediterranean Grille. If the name sounds familiar to you, it should. Andy’s is a local Cincinnati business not far from campus and is a favorite

among local Cincinnatians as the best Mediterranean in town. I was

lucky enough to be introduced to the restaurant by the Interfaith Community Engagement leader, Rabbi Abie Ingber, last year. On the trip I got to meet Andy Hajjar, the owner of Andy’s. Andy is from Lebanon and he is really excited about the location on campus.

I want you to know that if you have never

had authentic Mediterranean food before, you must try Andy’s. However, if falafels and hummus is not your thing, then have no fear! Andy’s at Ryan’s Pub is offering a full range of your favorite old Ryan’s classics but includes new foods as well. Menu aside I think the thing that will get students talking about Andy’s are its hours of operation.

Andy’s at Ryan’s Pub is open until 11:30 p.m. on weekdays and will be open long enough to ease the 1:00 a.m. weekend rush at Subway. A lot of students will be eating at Andy’s over Subway not just because of the better quality of the food, but also for the bang for your buck. Andy’s has a five-dollar 12-inch pizza, enough to split between two or even three people

for a decent size meal, and here is the best part, the pizza is delicious! Not in the mood for pizza? Try a burger. Andy Hajjar himself was describing his double-decker burger to me, and I practically was drooling. If you are trying for the more Fresh Fusions style of food then the excellent wraps available at Andy’s won’t disappoint you. With all these options, Andy’s is going to be the premier place to satisfy those late-night cravings any day of the week. Besides food, Andy’s will have a fully stocked bar ready to go.

Between the new food, the extended hours and the friendly proprietor and staff, Andy’s is going to become a favorite pit stop for Xavier students at any time of the day or week.



RON GRETHEL
Columnist

UPCOMING SAC EVENTS

Late Night Movie: Bridesmaids

Have a laugh when Annie attempts to jump through all the bizarre hoops of being a maid of honor.

11p.m., Sept. 8 -10: GSC theater

Trip to the Beach Waterpark

Grab your suit and flippers and catch the surf!

11:30a.m. – 5:30p.m., Sept. 10

Xavier's Got Talent: Preliminary Round

Have a skill? Show it off in XU's own rocking talent show!

6p.m. – 8p.m., Sept. 12: GSC atrium

Trip to Oktoberfest

Brats and German beer... what could be better?

12p.m. – 4p.m., Sept. 17: Downtown Cincinnati

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Reading between the lines with Britt: *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett

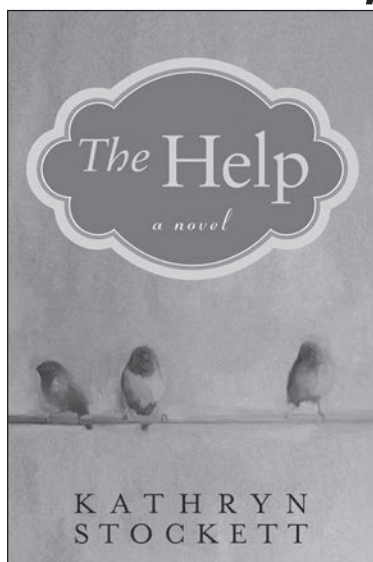


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BRITT NYGAARD
Staff Writer

While often leery of books acclaimed by the masses, I was pleasantly surprised at my enjoyment of Kathryn Stockett's debut novel.

Set in Jackson, Mississippi during the early 1960s, *The Help* tells the intertwining stories of three women: Skeeter, a 22-year-old white woman of privilege who returns home from Ole Miss and sees the bias of those around her for the first time; Aibileen, a black maid to Skeeter's friend, who has raised 19 white children; and Minny, an outspoken black maid whose opinions and inability to bite her tongue often leave

her unemployed. They set out to write a book about serving white households from the perspective of black maids.

Coincidentally, both Aibileen and Minny work for women are friends of Skeeters. What pulls readers in, however, is more their individual stories.

Much of the book's charm comes from the first person narrative of each character, along with the alternate strength and fragility of each of these women.

Skeeter, for all her privilege, is 22 and single—practically spinsterhood for her mother. On top of that, her first love is the son of a local senator—not exactly someone she wants to know she is a closet civil rights activist.

Aibileen still struggles with the loss of her son and silently tries to put up with the insult of having a Negro bathroom installed for her at her employers'. And Minny, on top of barely being able to find a job, must feed her multiple children and keep her abusive husband happy.

But while *The Help* certainly leaves the reader with a good feeling, it is far from a feel-good book.

Stockett's heartwarming tale of the friendship that forms between Skeeter, Aibileen and Minny is punctuated by blunt realities of

the time: the local leader of the NAACP being shot, the bombing in Birmingham that kills four small girls and the blinding of a local black woman's grandson.

Amidst these disturbing occurrences, there runs a mixture of fear and hope through the entire book. Fear that they will be caught; hope that, if published, their stories could change something. Fear of losing those that matter most to them; hope that the reward will be greater for their efforts.

Throughout the novel all three women learn that both fear and hope are warranted.

What I most appreciated about *The Help* was its attempt to reconcile the ambiguity of the times. When a white child is raised by a black woman, both learn to love each other, and yet when the child is grown she becomes the mistress, and in essence, the enemy to the black woman.

Stockett writes with beautiful prose as she attempts to do the feelings of both parties justice, and leaves the reader with a story that is both heart wrenching and heartwarming.

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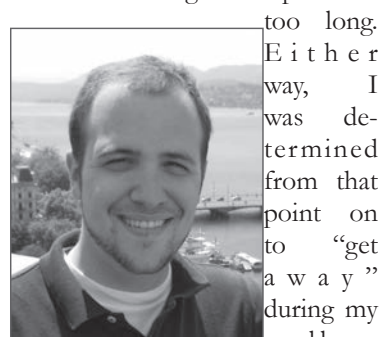


Study Abroad

I vaguely remember as a first year, over three years ago now, going to see a speaker at the beginning of the semester who was supposed to tell us how to make our "college experience" the best it could be.

Now, I'll be the first to admit that I basically remember nothing from that hour in the GSC auditorium save one thing: study abroad.

I'm not sure why that idea stuck with me other than maybe the fact that I love to travel and also get bored after being in one place for



Patrick Clark

A & E Editor

For two months I had the greatest time of my life seeing 11 different cities in eight countries across Europe. Even though I was doing a decent amount of studying for this duration it didn't diminish my cultural experiences in the slightest. I saw sights like the Eiffel

Tower, the Northern Swiss Alps, the home of Mozart, the Prague Castle and Vatican City.

Now, I'm not here to brag about my trip but to tell you the reader, that you're missing out if you haven't had the chance to go and study in or just explore a culture other than ours.

There is something about taking a political science class in Paris that just doesn't compare to taking it in a classroom in Alter. (No offense to our wonderful political science profs.)

Being able to actually talk with French students and hear what they really think of us and our culture allowed me to consider the impressions that we give to the rest of the world. It allowed me to correct some common misconceptions about us, which was quite a liberating experience. By the way, the French don't all wear berets and carry baguettes in their back pockets.

I implore everyone to consider studying abroad before graduation. For me, and I hope for you, it was one of the greatest life decisions I ever made.

There is more to learn than what can be taught to you in a classroom. The world is an endless encyclopedia that is just yearning to be explored.

I can only agree with what Mark Twain once said, "Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness."

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Summer Reality TV Recap: What You Missed (Or Didn't)

LUKE GIBERSON
Staff Writer

Just because you spent your summer outdoors doesn't mean I did. Here's a summary of some of this summer's finest in reality TV:

"The Bachelorette:"

No surprises here. On the beaches of Fiji, Ashley Herbert found love and accepted JP's proposal, while Ben Flajnik went home heartbroken.

As a consolation prize, he received an invitation to have 25 women swoon over him as the star of the next season of "The Bachelor," so he can't be that disappointed.

But if I'm the producer, the only choice for the next season of "The Bachelor" is not Ben, but Bentley, the most controversial figure in Bachelor/Bachelorette history.

Bentley had no feelings for Ashley from the beginning, yet deviously played his way to her heart in no more than three weeks, before abruptly leaving her crumpled in an emotional heap. Bentley's not stupid – he knows America hates him, which is why he didn't show up for what would have been the most vitriolic "Men Tell All" reunion show ever. This being the behind the scenes thoughts from the all the men on the show.

He would need to be paid po-



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Ashley and JP Rosenbaum from this season of the Bachelorette in an interview after the final episode.

tentially two to three times more than the \$100,000 average salary for a Bachelor/Bachelorette star. But since ratings are falling rapidly, why not take a flier on him?

Maybe the audience will expand beyond 35-year-old women and 21-year-old male college students...

"Celebrity Rehab:"

I like that this is one of the most honest reality shows out there, but it was difficult to enjoy it on a weekly basis when reminded that these are real celebrities with

real addictions.

If anything, watch it just for Dr. Drew, a remarkably patient man who deftly manages big egos (Steven Tyler) and fragile minds (Sugar Kiper), and somehow gets them all to cohabitate in a relatively peaceful manner.

"Basketball Wives:"

It's not worth recapping this "reality" show – there's probably a script floating around online.

However, it was enjoyable to see Chad Ochocinco giving sperm so that he and fiancée Evelyn could

have twin boys, opening up that age-old question, "Is it ethical for Ochocinco to genetically engineer his kids via in vitro fertilization?"

"The Challenge: Rivals:"

The best reality show of the summer by far, "The Challenge" took on a new form this summer, pairing together partners who have a history of bad blood and having those teams compete in cooperative competitions.

Immunity challenges from this season included: crushing a car with a bulldozer, shimmying up a

rope hanging from the bottom of a helicopter, jumping off of a waterfall, and climbing across hammocks suspended 50 feet above the water.

Let's not forget the final challenge: kayaking three miles, memorizing a campsite, shoveling dirt, recreating the entire campsite from memory and eating an absurd amount of food and subsequently vomiting it before climbing up a mountain trail – all of this while carrying a 25-pound stone ball and chain.

Partners spent the night alternating between sleeping and standing on a rock. The next morning, they finished the challenge by hiking up an Argentinian mountain to finally get to the \$100,000 first prize.

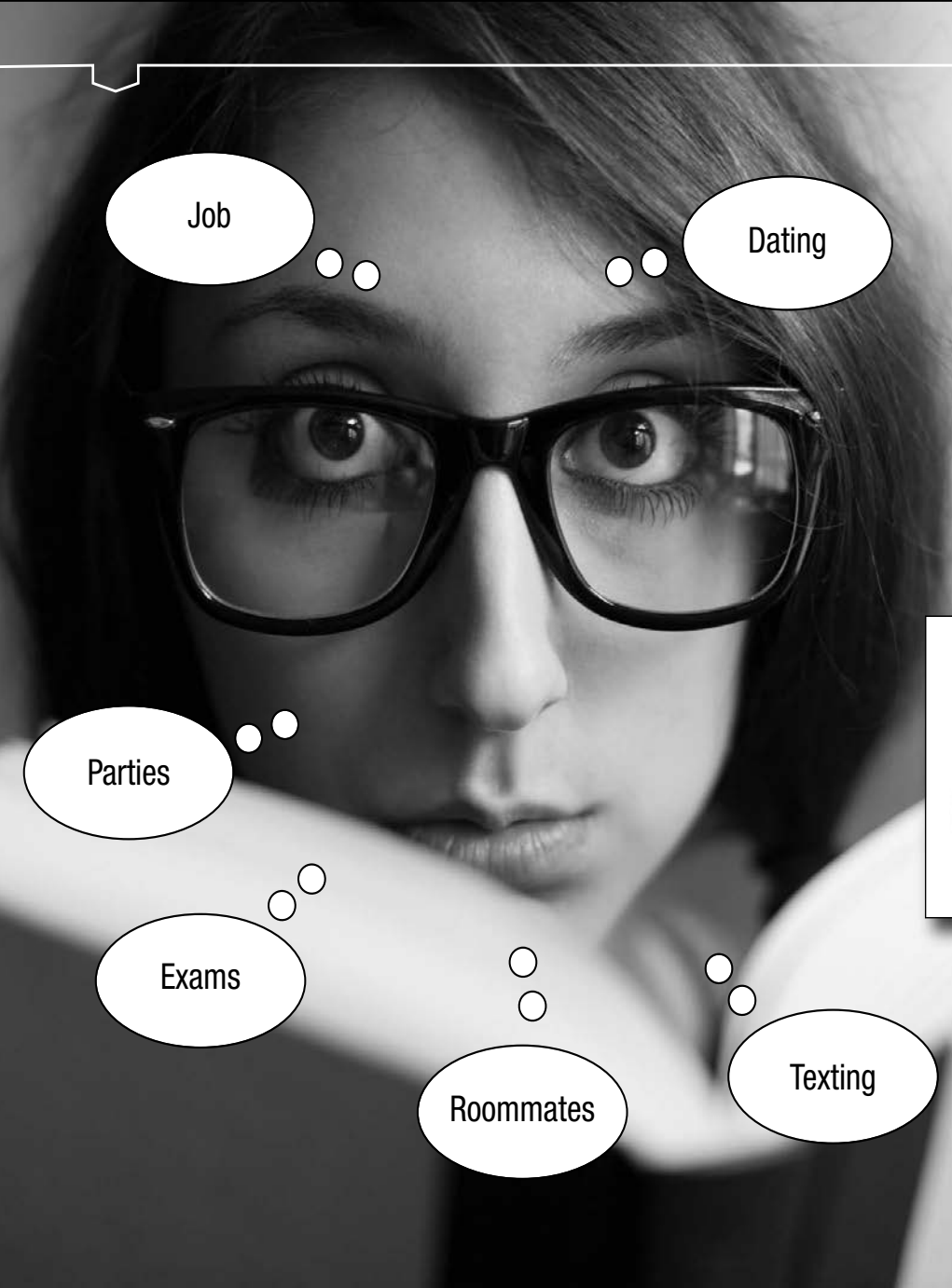
In typical MTV "Real World" fashion, the rest of the show is drunken debauchery and half-baked strategic ideas for winning the game.

But what makes the show the contestants are intense competitors (if you don't believe me, YouTube "the most bionic man in all of mankind.")

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